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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-11,20

A pressure vessel assembly for a pressurized fluid system, said pressure vessel assembly comprising an enclosed outer casing, at least one fluid accumulator disposed within said outer casing, and at least one cooling passage provided adjacent to said at least one fluid accumulator for receiving a flow of a cooling fluid therethrough for cooling said at least one fluid accumulator.

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2. claims: 12-19,21-25

A pressure vessel assembly for a pressurized fluid system, said pressure vessel comprising an enclosed outer casing, at least one internal tube extending within said outer casing, and at least one fluid accumulator disposed within said at least one internal tube.

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3. claims: 26-33

A pressure vessel assembly for a pressurized fluid system, said pressure vessel assembly comprising an enclosed outer casing, at least one fluid accumulator disposed within said outer casing, a compartment within said pressure vessel assembly between said outer casing and said at least one fluid accumulator, said compartment at least partially filled with a working fluid, and said compartment being in fluid communication with said at least one fluid accumulator so as to selectively transfer said working fluid between said compartment and said at least one fluid accumulator, and a pressurized gas reservoir external to said outer casing, said pressurized gas reservoir being in fluid communication with said compartment within said outer casing for pressurizing said working fluid within said compartment in said outer casing.

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